

only to Minnesota but to several other states where I have had occasion, more or less, to study 'Conditions. We need to build up this department in particular. The Christian religion is the greatest civilizer, and the principles of the Master are the true guide posts for humanity.

In conclusion allow me to answer the question how these 'book concerns are able to put out in such profusion two-dollar books at thirty-five cents. They are usually supported by two or three elderly well-to-do people who, after having been attracted to some Hindu yogi or some new-thought philosophy, have loyally, or otherwise, donated fifty or a hundred thousand dollar's for the propogation of the new dogma. Book printers and 'bookbinders are put to work, and the spreading of spiritually false and enervating doctrine goes merrily, merrily on.

Dr. A. C. Rogers, School for Feeble-Minded: Referring to the responsibility for books on the part of inmates, so far as the feeble-minded are concerned, we found several years ago that if we left 'them for the attendants and nurses to circulate among the children, they were not well taken care of, but after we started the plan of permitting the children to select and be responsible for their own books, the latter were well taken care of. This plan has been followed for many years, and it works admirably.

I should like at this time to present a summary representing a preliminary report of the working of the research department at the school for feeble-minded for the last two years.

Number of families studied up to August 1, 1913, 227, representing 290 inmates of the institution. This has involved a study, so far as we have been able to obtain the information, of 18,554 people. Of this number we have found that 3,630 were normal so far as mentality is concerned, 1,003 were feeble-minded, or 5.4 per cent of the people studied. Of course there should be eliminated about 50 per cent concerning whom we have no information, 9,193, but we find 5.4 per cent feeble-minded in the number concerning whom we are able to get information. Two hundred and two were epileptics, 1.1 per cent; 195 insane, 1 per cent; gross sexual offenders, 335, 1.8 per cent; criminal 47 or 0.2 per cent; alcoholics, 637, or 3.4 per cent. The rest of the summary isn't of so much value because factors are grouped that have no correlation. Seven hundred and sixty-three were neurotics; 1,782 died in infancy (under two years), which confirms all former investigations as to the very small resistance in childhood as exhibited by the descendants of so many of these families; that would represent 9.6 per cent. Unfortunately we have such poor vital statistics in this country we don't know the value of these figures. It is a notorious fact that this country has almost no vital statistics of value except for restricted areas. There are 3.4 times as many feeble-minded found in these studies as were in the institution representing the same families—an average of 4.4 to each family so far as we were able to discover the facts. What we might be able to find in the other 50 per cent is an entirely unknown quantity.